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ADMINISTRATIVE Called Russ 21. Rourke, in the office of John Marsh, Counsellor to the President, about the call received from Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense staff, concerning the George Lardner column in this morning's Chicago Tribune which states that the 40 Committee did not meet between 1972 and 1974. I said the Director always indicates that our covert actions are based on 40 Committee approval and McConnell said the column casts some doubt on the effectiveness of the procedure. Chairman McClellan wants a letter commenting on the column and stating just what the facts are. I said I felt that the NSC staff should be aware of this request and our response to Chairman McClellan. Rourke agreed and said he would advise Marsh. I said we would draw up a statement for Chairman McClellan and send it to Rob Roy Ratliff, Les Janka, both of NSC, and Marsh for their approval. Rourke agreed. This was done later in the day with a request for their comments by the end of today.

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Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and said Chairman
John Stennis wants to pursue the Soviet defense spending controversy as
soon as he returns from the hospital. I explained that we had prepared a
number of different papers on the subject which we would provide to him.
He said if we would have OCI, get in touch with him, maybe
he could smooth this out with the Chairman.

I mentioned to McFadden the Lardner column in today's Chicago Tribune concerning the 40 Committee not having met between 1972 and 1974. I said that they do not actually meet, but when there is a covert activity up for approval, they are normally polled. McFadden commented that their Committee operates the same way. He said they are often accused of not having enough meetings, but they poll the members for different matters and this saves a lot of time.

McFadden said he had breakfast with Bill Miller, SSC staff, this morning and Miller told him the SSC is trying to get their reports out in December and then in February. McFadden said he didn't have much confidence in that. He said the SSC is trying to get the oversight legislation out first and then will get to revising the charters. McFadden told Miller this was a mistake. I mentioned the action being taken by the Senate Governmen Operations Committee and he said Paul Hoff gave him an outline of about 60 issues they are going to go over relating to oversight.

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CONSTITUENT Received a call from Connie Wilcox, on the staff of Representative John W. Wydler (R., N.Y.), requesting maps of several different foreign countries for a school. I told her that it was not customary for the Agency to supply maps for such purposes. I asked her if she was aware that the GPO could furnish maps to the school for a minimal fee. She said that she was, but that funds were low and she thought we could provide them free of charge. I made my apologies.

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LEGISLATION Received a call from George Gilbert, OMB, who notified me that another statement had been sent to Agency Law of the Sea Task Force representatives, and that any problems with this statement should be relayed to him by 3 p.m. today.

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6. LIAISON Kathy Seddon, of Representative Bob Eckhardt's (D., Tex.) office, and John McDavitt, of Representative L.A. Bafalis' (R., Fla.) office, called to request copies of Where's What. I told them that the Agency had a limited supply of the book, but that I would see if I could find some extra copies for them.

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The Arings Called Jim Michie, Investigator, Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, Senate Judiciary Committee, and advised him that we will be responding to Senator Edward M. Kennedy's (D., Mass.) letter very soon. The letter will say that there will be some special procedures in dealing with their requests. These procedures will be similar to those that we use with the Senate Select Committee. I said these procedures should not interfere with his inquiry, and that we will probably have him out on the 31st of October to review some of the records he had requested. He gave me five or six additional institutions to check for association with CIA in the field of human use experimentation.

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8. HEARINGS LIAISON Talked twice with Wes Clark, Office of John Marsh, Counsellor to the President, and gave him an update on our activities with Senator Edward M. Kennedy's (D., Mass.) Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, Senate Judiciary Committee. I said we were going to apply the same procedures as we have with the Senate Select Committee and that we were not yet firm on how to respond to Senator Kennedy's new bill. The troublesome issues were membership of the DCI and all the exposure to a limited oversight. Clark thought the DCI should be a member, for PR reasons if nothing else. He was a little bit worried about the limited oversight business. He asked for an LDX'd copy of the bill and the accompanying letter. These plus two telegrams from Senator Kennedy were LDX'd. He mentioned that HEW had been asked to provide a witness as well.

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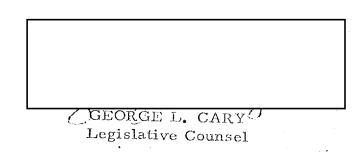
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Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and provided him with a copy of the letter and telegram which the Director had received from Senator Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.) today about the inquiry being made by his Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure in connection with hearings which will be held on the 7th of November. I explained the status of our negotiations with the Subcommittee staff members and indicated that while we had suggested to Senator Kennedy that his effort was a duplication of the inquiry being conducted by the Senate Select Committee, we had been unsuccessful in avoiding going through this whole process with his Subcommittee as well as the Senate Select Committee. Braswell said he felt there was little their Committee could do (I mentioned that I had discussed this matter with Chairman Stennis personally). I told him that we were keeping the White House informed and would also keep in touch with him regarding these inquiries.

Braswell mentioned that Bill Bader, SSC, had contacted him about gaining access to our memoranda of briefings of the CIA Subcommittee and Braswell had indicated to Bader that he would not be able to do anything about this until he had taken it up with the Committee. He feels it is unlikely that the Committee will want to make these documents available to the Select Committee unless there is some uniform agreement among all the oversight committees regarding documents of this sort. He also mentioned that he had pointed out several problem areas that he could foresee in providing the Senate Select Committee with access to these documents.



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